

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A vehicle door handle device comprising:
an electric part having a first face and a second face opposite to the first face, the electric part being received within an internal space formed within a door handle to abut an inner surface of the door handle at the first face and to form a gap between the inner surface of the door handle at the second face; and

a first elastic member which is mounted on the second face of the electric part, and is disposed within the gap to be pressed against the inner surface of the door handle and the second face of the electric part.

2. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1, further comprising a second elastic member attached to an edge of the electric part,

wherein a projection is formed on the inner surface of the door handle, projecting correspondingly to the second elastic member, and

wherein the second elastic member is pressed against the inner surface of the door handle through the projection.

3. (Original) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1, wherein the door handle includes a handle body and a handle cover; and

at least one of the handle body and the handle cover has a reinforcing portion formed along the electric part.

4. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 3,

wherein the reinforcing portion is formed on one of the handle body and the handle cover;

the reinforcing portion has a retaining groove; and

the other of the handle body and the handle cover has a retaining claw engageable with the retaining groove used for fixing the handle body and the handle cover to each other.

5. (Original) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1,
wherein the electric part includes a first electric part, and a second electric part having signal wires fixed to the first electric part; and
the signal wires are flexible.

6. (New) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1,
wherein the door handle includes a handle body and a handle cover fixed on the handle body;

the handle body and the handle cover form the internal space; and

the first elastic member supports the electric part on the inner surface of the door handle at the first face of the electric part.

7. (New) A vehicle door handle device comprising:

a door handle including a hinge arm portion formed at one end of the door handle and pivotally mounted relative to a door outer panel via the hinge arm portion;

an electric part having a first face and a second face opposite to the first face, the electric part being received within an internal space of the door handle to abut an inner surface of the door handle at the first face and to form a gap between the inner surface of the door handle at the second face; and

a first elastic member which is mounted on the second face of the electric part, and is disposed within the gap to be pressed against the inner surface of the door handle and the second face of the electric part.